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**MONTGOMERY COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS  
FOR DRUG AND GUN CONVICTION**

Nathaniel Benjamin, 35, a/k/a James Burch, a/k/a Aaron Jones, a/k/a Christopher Smart, of Norristown and Philadelphia, was sentenced today to 20 years in prison, for drug and gun charges. Benjamin was convicted by a federal jury on March 9, 2011 of possession with the intent to distribute five or more grams of cocaine base (“crack”), possession with the intent to distribute marijuana for remuneration, and two counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

On September 19, 2008, in Norristown, Benjamin was found in possession of approximately 6.62 grams of crack cocaine, marijuana, and a loaded 9mm pistol. The items were discovered during a search by an agent with the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole. At the time, Benjamin was on parole for previous drug and theft convictions.

In addition to the prison term, U.S. District Court Judge Berle M. Schiller ordered eight years of supervised release.

The case was investigated by the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, the County Detectives Bureau of the Montgomery County District Attorney’s Office, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives. It was prosecuted by Special Assistant United States Attorney Rebecca Strubel.

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